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Dear Madam,

We are quite concerned about farmers being allowed to give human antibiotics to animals for any reason, especially to counteract the effects of crowded living conditions and poor hygiene. We have cut way back on eating meat so that our bodies are not as affected by eating antibiotics in each bite we take. If we want or need antibiotics, we would like to go to a doctor to get them not to the meat counter in the grocery store. We would urge you to do everything in your power to stop animal and poultry farmers from giving any antibiotics to animals. We know there will be a lot of pressure from farmers and probably congressmen or women to continue this terrible practice. Sometimes though, one has to stand up to what is best for the animals as well as for people and not just to give in to what will make the most money for someone.

For your information, we grow most of our vegetables without any pesticides, so that we do not have to ingest the pesticides farmers use on vegetables. Not everyone is as lucky as we are to be able to grow their own food.

Thank you for listening and we hope that antibiotics for animals will soon be a thing of the past.

Sincerely,

**Edna and Gregory Armstrong** 

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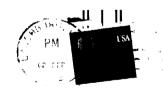
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